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In re Application of  
Brocheton, et al.  
Application No. 09/707,536  
Filed: 7 November, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 3882-906-CIP

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under ¶(a) of 37 C.F.R. §1.47, filed on 16 February, 2001, but not received into the Office of Petitions until this writing.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**BACKGROUND**

The record indicates:

- the application was filed on 7 November, 2000, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath or declaration; and
- on 21 January, 2001, the Office mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts, indicating that, *inter alia*, a fully signed oath/declaration (with surcharge) was required in the reply;
- on 16 February, 2001, Petitioner filed, *inter alia*, the instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 an oath/declaration signed by named inventors Rahier and Janssens, but without the signature of named inventor Sophie Brocheton (Ms. Brocheton), and narrative by Petitioner Bradley M.

Knepper (Reg. No. 44,189), and the Brussels, Belgium, patent attorney Joelle Van Malderen attesting to having forwarded to Ms. Brocheton at her last known and then-current address a copy of the entire application (description, claims, abstract and drawings), *inter alia*, and that as of the time of Ms. Malderen's statement Ms. Brocheton had not signed and returned the oath/declaration.

Lastly, Petitioner has submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63 and §1.64.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a).

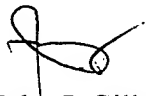
This application hereby is **ACCORDED status under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a).**

As provided under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), the Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition.

Notice of the filing of this application also will be published in the Official Gazette.

This file is being released to OIPE for processing as necessary to reflect the instant decision before being released for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214.



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